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Top links

FCC cleans up 14.313MHz, issues heavy fines

The FCC Enforcement Bureau came down hard on two radio amateurs this week, proposing substantial fines for alleged deliberate interference to other Amateur Radio communications.

ARRL

Operating W1AW/4 on VHF

KK4DSD was invited to go along on a little excursion up to the summit of Little Mountain, where his group attempted to make some VHF contacts as W1AW/4.

kk4dsd.com

Codec2 based walkie talkie

VK4AMM has developed a 434MHz walkie talkie using the amateur radio Codec2 digital voice mode. Southgate

Reflections on the passing of amateur radio satellite VO-52

Unfortunately, our concerns were well-founded. The official news of VO-52's passing was announced. amateurradio.com

Random antenna musings and power line noise

The problem with my antenna setup is on receive. I have minimum S5 noise on 40 and 30 meters. The noise is static with some noticeable "crackling."

NOHYD

How King of Jordan paid secret visits to radio hams

King Hussein JY1 dropped into Wyken to visit fellow radio amateurs who 'got him out of extreme trouble.' Southgate

Amateur radio satellite basics

Most amateur radio satellites are located in near-circular low Earth orbit, or LEO, circling the earth a number of times each day.

WP4OCA

How to

Flone: Turn your smartphone into a drone

Instructions around building a drone that straps to your smartphone for instant aerial video. Sounds like potential APRS fun to me.

Instructables

Baofeng HT antenna upgrade

There are those occasions where I wish I could pick up far off signals a little better, or just to get more reach to someone I'm trying to communicate with. I finally decided to see if a simple antenna upgrade would rectify these issues.

Geek Prepper

Video

PSK31: The time difference between sending upper and lower case text

K7AGE shows the time difference between sending lowercase text vs ALL CAPS. The result may surprise you.

YouTube

Drone video of a 4 meter contest site

4 rotor drone fly-by of an amateur radio 4 meter contest site on the Isle of Wight. (You'll want to mute the audio.)

YouTube

New product

goTenna enables you to communicate without any need for central connectivity whatsoever

Your smartphone will send the message to your goTenna, which will then shoot it out, via long-range radio waves (151-154 MHz), to the intended goTenna(s).

goTenna

Review

MFJ-4125 power supply review

I've had this guy for a little bit, and so far I like it! It's a cheap, compact option for a basic ham power supply.

KD8RTT

And finally...

After 25 years

QSL routes used to be one of the great mysteries of the world, in fact, INDEXA used to have a net on 14.236 that dispensed the latest QSL route news. Setting schedules required weeks/months of letter writing.

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